

GHOST SHIP MET FOUL PLAY, U. S. CHARGES

Foster, Head of City's Penal Institutions, Resigns

MOYER TO GET PRISON JOB, BELIEF OF FRIENDS

Retiring Jail Chief Has Been Under Criticism, But Change Is Political.

Charles C. Foster, general superintendent of the District penal institutions, today tendered his resignation to the District Commissioners, requesting that it take effect at the "commissioners' pleasure."

The resignation of Superintendent Foster, recognized as one of the leading prison experts in the United States, did not come as a surprise to his many friends in Washington, most of whom had heard rumors that a successor had been considered by the District Commissioners.

While the District Commissioners this morning make no public statement as to whether they would accept Superintendent Foster's resignation, it is reported they will do so within a few days, naming W. H. Moyer, a prison welfare worker and former superintendent of the Federal prison at Atlanta, as Mr. Foster's successor.

The appointment of Moyer as successor to Superintendent Foster will be the result of a long and bitter fight from the superintendency of the District prisons, as has been done since the election of President Harding of Charles, of which John Joy Edson, chairman of the board of directors of the Washington Loan and Trust Company, is chairman, and which has direct supervision over the District penal institutions.

In tendering his resignation, Colonel Foster no doubt realized that a move would be made to eliminate him from the superintendency of the District prisons, as has been done since the election of President Harding of Charles, of which John Joy Edson, chairman of the board of directors of the Washington Loan and Trust Company, is chairman, and which has direct supervision over the District penal institutions.

Prior to coming to the District in April, 1918, to accept the appointment of superintendent of the District prisons, Mr. Foster was superintendent of the county jail at Louisville, Ky., said to have been recognized under his supervision as one of the "most modern prisons in the United States."

On April 24, 1918, Foster was appointed by the District Commissioners to the position of general superintendent of all the District penal institutions, succeeding Louis F. Zinkham, superintendent of the jail, and William H. Whittaker, then superintendent of Occoquan. Later Foster evolved a plan by which the superintendency of all the penal institutions was placed under one

Both Zinkham and Whittaker were subjected to much criticism by alleged treatment of suffragists arrested.

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APARTMENT of 2 rooms and bath, completely furnished, electricity, sink, hot water.

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THREE newly furnished rooms, 1, 2, 3, screened and glazed in sleeping porch; electricity; phone; very reasonable.

FIVE rooms and bath, large screened and glazed in sleeping porch; 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, private entrance; adults.

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UNDER new management, bright cool room, next bath, 2nd floor, best of home cooking; suitable for 2 girls or gentlemen; rent reasonable.

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For Monthly of these and other similar ads, consult the "For Rent Rooms" Column, Want Ad. Section, today's Washington Times.

Resigning Jail Head And His Successor.

W. H. Moyer, Formerly of Atlanta, Slated to Get Foster's Job.



CHARLES C. FOSTER.
(Resigning Superintendent.)

SENATE TO ACT ON EXTENSION OF D. C. RENT ACT

Amendment to Statute Would Repay Back Rent to Tenants Under Favorable Decisions.

Senator Ball today introduced his resolution extending the Ball Rent Commission act for a seven-month period in the Senate.

The resolution provides that the rent law shall be continued from October 22 next until May 22, 1922. It provides that the Rent Commissioners shall be paid a salary of \$5,000 a year and the secretary \$3,000 a year. It also provides the commission with a counsel who shall represent the commission in all litigation.

Garages, hotels, and other business properties are exempted from the terms of the resolution. Senator Ball hopes that the resolution will be passed without debate. There is a considerable group in the Senate, however, which will attempt to extend the Rent Commission act for longer than the seven-month period provided for in the resolution.

An important amendment to the Rent Commission act was placed in the resolution as presented to the Senate. It provides a method by which tenants can recover back rent that is owing them under decisions of the Commission. Its text is as follows:

"That in all cases where the owner has prior to April 18, 1921, collected an excessive rent or charge, he may return such excess to tenants direct, and in default of his so doing upon application by the tenant to the Commission, a rule shall be issued against such owner and served in the same manner as other notices from the Commission, requiring such owners to refund such excess to the tenant within ten days from the service of such rule, and in default of such refund within the said ten days, the Commission shall proceed to recover double the amount of the excess with costs and attorneys' fees as herein provided."

The Senate District committee will meet at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon to take up street railway merger legislation.

SPARROWS ATTACK MEN; MAKE THEM QUIT WORK

DANVILLE Pa., June 21.—Sparrows pecking at the faces and eyes of workmen who were trying to repair the slate roof on the tower of Mahoning Presbyterian Church, forced them to descend and give up the job. Hundreds of the birds had their nests in the old tower, and sulphur was being used to exterminate them when they swooped down on the men. Trustees of the church are considering offering a reward for a successful method of getting rid of the pests.

32 DEAD, 72 HURT IN GERMAN MINE DISASTER

BERLIN, June 21.—Thirty-two miners are dead, fourteen are missing and seventy-two are suffering from gas poisoning as the result of a disaster in the Silesian coal mine near Herne, today.

SEA PLANES SINK U-117 IN FIVE MINUTES



W. H. MOYER.
(Slated for Superintendent.)

OFFICIALS SILENT ON SENSATIONAL DROP IN MARKET

Secretary Hughes and Other Cabinet Members Decline Comment on Raid.

Secretary of State Hughes and other high Government officials today refused to comment on the mysterious action which this morning forced prices of high-grade, dividend-paying railroad and industrial stock on the New York Stock Exchange to low levels, which in some cases have never been touched in twenty years.

After a sharp break this morning, stock prices rallied considerably as the day advanced. Mystery hangs heavy over Wall Street as tremendous selling orders are shrinking the fortunes of holders of these two classes of stocks. Though the greatest losses were reported in industrial and railroad securities, all classes were being hammered relentlessly and values which had mounted to billions were dwindling enormously.

The "police committee" of the stock exchange, watching closely for sharp practice, is particularly active, but the report that the governors of the exchange will conduct an inquiry to determine the character of the heavy selling remained unconfirmed.

It is a bear market with a vengeance, but while the speculators are making profits by selling short, the odd lots brokerage houses report that the public is coming into the market for an increasing volume of stocks. These issues are bought outright for investment, and the orders range from five to 100 shares, coming from bargain hunters.

JUDGE FINES DAUGHTER THEN PRODUCES CHECK

BURLINGTON, Va., June 21.—Judge H. B. Shaw, of the local court, fined the daughter, Elizabeth, \$1 and costs, amounting to \$8.00, when she appeared before him yesterday charged with violating a city ordinance.

WOMAN LAW STUDENT FIRST AT CAMBRIDGE

LONDON, June 21.—The outstanding feature of the triposes published at Cambridge on Saturday was the brilliant success of Miss K. Snell, of Giron.

SINN FEINERS KIDNAP AGED EARL OF BANDON

DUBLIN, June 21.—The Earl of Bandon, aged seventy-one, was kidnapped today by Sinn Feiners. The aged earl was seized when the republicans set fire to Castle Bernard. The castle was destroyed.

FLO'S LIFE ON YACHT TO BE AIDED

Steward Swears He Saw Chorus Girl in Kimona Leave Stillman's Cabin One Morning.

By International News Service.

NEW YORK, June 21.—An intimate, colorful, "eye-witness" account of life aboard James A. Stillman's yacht when Mrs. Florence Lawler Leeds reigned as its undisputed queen has been obtained, in deposition form, by attorneys of Mrs. Stillman for use in her affirmative defense to the divorce suit charges, it became known today. The information is so highly valued that it will probably be made the very ground work for the defendant's counter charges.

STEWART TO BARE STORY.

Most of the evidence comes from Frank Murphy, for eighteen months chief steward aboard the Modesty, who has resigned his position and has come to New York at his own expense to do his part, as he says, to insure a square deal for the wife of his former employer.

Murphy has volunteered to take the witness stand and tell under oath what he knows of the banker's relations with the one-time Century Ruch chorus girl. He will be the first witness called when the defense opens—unless there is some unforeseen change of plan.

The ex-steward will tell of at least two occasions when he saw Mrs. Leeds taking early morning departures from the de luxe cabin of Stillman on the forward deck of the yacht. He will recite details of gay parties aboard the yacht, with a golden cocktail shaker as the apparent center of interest.

He will describe an impromptu raid made on the luxurious boy braker by private detectives disguised as bootleggers and will pave the way for one of the visitors to tell of observations made through a porthole of the banker's cabin.

SOME QUIET EVENINGS.

Quiet evenings with books—enlivened only by occasional use of the golden cocktail shaker—took turns with hilarious parties, Murphy relates that served to entertain boy braker and his former chorus girl guest provided plenty of "life" on these "quiet" evenings, according to the former steward's story.

Stillman, he says, was especially fond of reading Balzac to Mrs. Leeds, and there also was a parchment edition of the Arabian Nights. Boccaccio, too, was in the yacht's library. Mrs. Leeds, according to Murphy, listened intently to these stories, often clasped her hands and asked the banker to read them over and over again.

Murphy's wealth of information regarding the "intimacies" aboard the yacht was absorbed by him, he says, because he served all meals and often took the places of two mess boys, who, often were not handy when they were "suddenly" wanted.

Thus, only one morning, when there had been a call for mess boy "Baker" Murphy himself answered, and it was then that he stumbled across Mrs. Leeds, he said, emerging from Stillman's cabin, clad in a kimona.

FLO'S BEITH UNTOUCHED.

"She literally looked daggers at me," said the ex-steward, decried the encounter. He adds that he had previously ascertained that Mrs. Leeds' berth had remained untouched that night.

Miners' Head Who Is Running Against Gompers.



John L. Lewis, Mine Head.

LEWIS, MINE HEAD, PREDICTED AS MAN TO BEAT GOMPERS

Friends See Younger Man Victorious as Both Camps Claim Victory.

By MILDRED MORRIS, International News Service.

DENVER, Colo., June 21.—The convention of the American Federation of Labor has become a political convention, with all the big issues crowded into the background by electioneering and the question of whether John L. Lewis, forty-one years old, head of the United Mine Workers of America, can oust Samuel Gompers, the seventy-one-year-old veteran of the labor movement.

LEWIS CLAIMS VICTORY.

With both sides claiming victory today, the cautious ones are awaiting developments before forecasting results.

It is conceded on all sides that the veteran head of the federation faces the greatest crisis in his career.

The announcement of Lewis' candidacy caused consternation in the Gompers' camp. The fear now is of a stampede for the younger leader. According to Lewis supporters, he would not have announced his candidacy had he not been assured of enough votes to win. They claim he has already 20,000 of the 38,000 votes of the convention. Gompers' supporters make claim of more than 23,000 votes pledged.

The talk now is of the coal miners' railroad workers and the metal trades forming a powerful coalition to secure control of the federation, with the building trades and other crafts assured adequate representation on the executive council, the central administrative body of the federation.

SOCIALISM ON HORIZON.

Such a coalition, it is said, would mean the inauguration of a sweeping program of nationalization as proposed by the railroad unions, which now have a resolution before the convention demanding action by the council to apply the principle of government ownership and democratic control to the steel industry, the coal mines and other basic industries as well as the railroads. An almost clean sweep of the executive council is predicted in event of Lewis' election.

LOSS OF 6 SHIPS LAD TO PIRATES

State Dept. Says "Carroll A. Deering" Was Looted Before Crew Disappeared.

By International News Service.

There is every suspicion that the American schooner, Carroll A. Deering, met with foul play before she sailed herself to pieces on Diamond Shoals, on the North Carolina coast, said a statement issued by the State Department today.

The department's announcement only served to deepen the mystery which surrounds the Deering's case and that of three other American vessels which have disappeared from the face of the sea during the last few months.

FOUL PLAY SUSPECTED.

The State Department issued the following statement:

"On January 29, 1921, the American schooner Carroll A. Deering, sailing at the rate of about five miles per hour, passed Cape Lookout lightship, N. C., and on January 31 it was found adrift north of that point in such condition that there is every suspicion of foul play. The vessel cleared for Norfolk, Va., from Rio de Janeiro, and put into Barbados for repairs, but receiving no different orders, proceeded on its voyage to Norfolk. After passing Cape Lookout lightship the vessel was not again seen until it was found as a wreck and nothing has been heard from the members of the crew. The master of the vessel, Captain Warrenton, is reported to have been experienced as a navigator and thoroughly reliable.

CAPTURED BY SHIP.

"At the time the Carroll A. Deering passed Cape Lookout lightship, a man on board, other than the captain, hailed the lightship and reported that the vessel had lost both anchors and asked to be reported to his owners. Otherwise the vessel appeared to be in very good condition. A short time after the schooner passed the lightship a steamer, the name of which was not ascertained, which was passing, was asked to stop and take a message for forwarding, and in spite of numerous attempts on the part of the master of the lightship to attract the vessel's attention no response to his efforts was received.

"On April 11, 1921, the following message was picked up in a bottle near Cape Hatteras:

"Deering captured by oil burning motor lifeboat a dory, but neither of them have been picked up. No trace of anything, handcuffing crew. Crew hiding all over ship. No chance to make escape. Finder please notify headquarters of Deering."

"The Carroll A. Deering carried a motor lifeboat a dory, but neither of them have been picked up. No trace of anything, handcuffing crew. Crew hiding all over ship. No chance to make escape. Finder please notify headquarters of Deering."

There are theories galore as to the

Navy Seaplane NC-7 Destroyed by Fire During Test.

The naval seaplane NC-7, one of the newest and most modern of the Navy's air fighters, was utterly destroyed in an accident near Newport News today when it caught fire in the air.

Aboard the ship at the time was a crew of three officers and seven men, but all escaped uninjured.

The NC-7 was not a part of the fleet engaged in the bombing practice off the Virginia capes today. The plane started at 8:30 o'clock on a short test flight. When 150 feet aloft, flames burst out and the ship was quickly enveloped.

The pilot stuck the nose of the ship downward and landed in Hampton Roads, where the ship burned to the water's edge. The officers and men were picked up in boats.

RIOT BREAKS OUT IN BRITISH COAL FIELDS

LONDON, June 21.—Rioting broke out in the mine strike at Chesterfield today. Two thousand strikers clashed with the police. Several were wounded in the fighting.

The trouble started when strikers attacked other strikers who were returning to work. Riot calls were sent in to the police, and when the policemen arrived upon the scene a violent pitched battle ensued. Much property was destroyed.

Violence broke out also at Ripley. At this latter place miners attacked men who were going back to work in defiance of the strike order, and a number of persons were injured in the clash.

PITTSBURGH MAYOR A POOR BURGLAR CATCHER

PITTSBURGH, June 21.—Led by Mayor E. V. Babcock, a squad of city policemen and detectives rushed into the Dollar Savings and Trust Company here yesterday in answer to a burglar alarm. The mayor, en route to the city hall, saw the officers running toward the bank. He urged the driver of his car to put on speed and reached the bank before the policemen and detectives.

The mayor and the officers made a fruitless search for robbers and the alarm was recorded as "false."

DE VALERA IS RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF IRELAND

NEW YORK, June 21.—Eamonn De Valera has been re-elected President of the Irish republic, it was announced here yesterday by his secretary, Harry Boland.

Mr. Boland also stated that Sean (James) O'Ceallaigh, former Irish "envoy" to Paris, had been elected speaker of Dail Eirann, legislative body of the Sinn Fein government.

O'Ceallaigh is president of the Gaelic League, and belongs to the moderate wing of Sinn Fein.

LEGION SENDS GEORGES HOPES HE'LL BEAT JACK

Dubbing Jack Dempsey as the "arch slacker" in the late world war, the District of Columbia department of the American Legion, which includes all posts in the District, last night sent the following message to Georges Carpentier:

AIR FORCES SEND SUB TO BOTTOM WITH BOMB

Explosive Dropped 2,000 Feet By Fleet of Navy Aeroplanes Destroys Target.

LANGLEY FIELD, HAMPTON, Va., June 21.—At 10:40, just as the U-117 had been sunk, a small S-E-3 scout plane fell. The destroyer Shawmut went to the assistance of the pilot, who was Colonel Culver, officer in charge of communications at Langley Field. It has not been learned here yet whether or not he was hurt.

By W. S. JEWETT.

Times Staff Correspondent.

ABOARD AIRPLANE OFF ATLANTIC COAST (by wireless to Langley Field, Va.), June 21.—The former German submarine U-117 was sunk in five minutes this morning by bombardment from the fourth naval division, fifty miles east of Cape Charles lighthouse.

The fourth division was ordered to attack at 10:34 by wireless from the naval air commander aboard the U. S. S. Shawmut. Within a minute a shower of bombs from the N-C planes descended on the gray back of the submersible lying awash 2,000 feet below. The ship rocked with the concussion as the bombs took effect, gave a convulsive shudder, which brought her bow well above the water, and then slowly sank from sight—before the whirling planes could return to the attack.

GEN. MITCHELL IN AIR.

Long before the navy planes appeared on the scene two big de Havilland planes, one bearing General Mitchell, assistant chief of the air service, and the other a photographer plane from Langley Field, whirled overhead. They were preceded by three army dirigibles, which floated in the skylike huge silver perfectos, poking their bluntnoses inquisitively about.

Beautiful weather accompanied the flyers on the trip. On the way to the objective the sea spread out like a huge glass plain below. The first thrill of the bombing came near Sewall Point, where the flyers 5,000 feet high, looked down and saw one of the "Nancy" navy planes in flames.

A commercial ship not far away sped her and sped to her assistance, according to radio dispatches reaching the planes above, all the flyers on the burning plane were taken off safely.

The first naval division left the Yorkton base shortly after 8 o'clock. It was followed by the Fourth Fifth Division at twenty minute intervals.

NAVY CHEATS ARMY.

The entire Atlantic fleet was clustered about the submarine target to watch the bombardment. On the way out across the sea several to lend assistance in case of a forced landing. Huge superreadnaughts swung lazily three miles away, while destroyers bobbed easily closer to the target.